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the proper criteria and where the money should go in the instance of a trust and I'm willing to follow the laws that we have on the books in dealing with that particular issue. I have never had any problems working with the committee and I probably spent more hours on that bill last year than any other bill and for naught. It's no secret that the Judiciary Committee kills bills all the time. It was no secret when I served on the committee, but that doesn't mean that good bills aren't killed, because I was a witness to scores of good bills that that committee has killed, and there seems to be one member that always seems to help to kill those bills. Now what's one man's trash may be another man's...may be another man's excellent piece of legislation and I think that's what it is. I don't agree with a lot of Senator Chambers' bills that he introduces. I don't think we should pay football players. I think that's trash legislation. I think that's bad legislation. And I think we ought to kill that kind of bills, but every year it comes back. I guess we could pay football players but it's a...I think it's a dumb idea and I voted against it...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...and I will continue to vote against it. But, Senator Chambers, I don't vote against your legislation because it's technically incorrect which sometimes it is. I vote against your bills on the merits itself and I am an attorney and I realize you use whatever arguments you have to kill a bill. If you don't have the facts, you use procedures, you use whatever you can to do it, and I've been a party to that. But I get irritated when they say that there is some sort of notion here that this is a bad bill or it's technically incorrect. Thirty other states have passed it. We passed it out on the floor in '85 when we had a different Chairman and now it's the same bill and it's a good bill and we have three pages of amendments that dealt with their concerns of last year. It's something that the Victims Reparation Fund wanted this year and it's a problem this year because of the television rights that are being sold in some of these sensational murders and that's why I am trying to bring it to the floor this year, to get the Attorney General involved and to take that money away from it.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR ABOUD: Have the body decide. Thank you.